IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Two cases in which ganja was seized from the vehicles of Border Road Task Force (BRTF)/Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in the North-Eastern Region have come to the notice of the Government during 1988.

In the first case in which 780 kgs. of ganja were seized on 22.6.1988, the driver of BRTF vehicle is reported to be involved.

In the second case in which 780 kgs. of ganja were seized on 20.7.1988, the drug was reported to have been loaded by an ex-Naik of CRPF.

Necessary action to proceed against the persons/officials involved has been initiated including institution of departmental enquiry in one case.

Detention of VIPs at Sahar Airport (Bombay) for bringing banned items

1717. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Customs Officers at Bombay Sahar Airport detained/arrested five VIPs arriving by an Alitalia flight on the 24th September night for bringing in banned items;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these VIPs did not declare their goods and were trying to pass through the green channel;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Investigation into divestment of Bombay Dyeing's holdings

1718. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an investigation has been ordered by his Ministry into the divestment of Bombay Dyeing's holdings in a very profitable company, National Peroxide in favour of Mr. Nusli Wadia, his family members and close associates as reported in the Times of India dated the 17th February, 1988 under the heading "Renewal of Nusli's Permit decried"; and

(b) if so, what are the findings of such investigation and action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

12.00. NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

I. **Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Central Board for the Prevention and control of Pollution, New Delhi and related papers.**

II. **Statement giving reasons for not laying the Report and Audited Accounts (1986-87) of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling within the stipulated period.**

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): MADAM, I beg to lay on the Table—

I A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report of the Central Board for the Prevention and